#### **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### **DOCKET NO. 2018-148-C**

July 6, 2018

IN RE: Petition of the South Carolina Office of
Regulatory Staff for the Commission to
Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why
the Certificates of Public Convenience
and Necessity for Certain Providers of
the Telecommunications Services Should
Not Be Revoked

MOTION FOR DEFAULT
JUDGEMENT AND ORDER
REVOKING CERTIFICATES
FOR FAILURE TO ANSWER

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-829, 830 and Rule 55 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure files this Motion for Default Judgment and for an Order Revoking the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Motion") of the Telecommunications Company's ("Respondents") identified in the attached Revised Exhibit A based on the Respondents failure to Answer the ORS Petition in this docket. In support of its Motion, ORS asserts that:

- 1. ORS is a state agency with its offices located at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and charged with the duty to protect the public interest pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10, et seq. (Supp. 2014).
- 2. The Respondents listed in Revised Exhibit A are certificated "telephone utilities" as defined in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-10(6) (2015) in that they are persons or corporations, their lessees, assignees, trustees, receivers or other successors in interest owning or operating in this State equipment or facilities for the transmission of intelligence by telephone for hire, including

all things incident thereto and related to the operation of telephones. Revised Exhibit A also includes wireless carriers which received ETC designation in South Carolina and agreed through a Stipulation to file certain reports with the Commission and/or ORS.

- 3. The Companies listed in Revised Exhibit A are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-710 et seq. (2015). Further, they have submitted themselves to the jurisdiction of the Commission by holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and/or having requested and received Eligible Telecommunications Designation in the State of South Carolina pursuant to federal and state requirements.
- 4. On or about April 26, 2018 ORS filed a Petition with the Commission requesting that the Commission revoke the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificates") of seventeen (17) telephone utilities that had failed to either submit their Gross Receipts Report, 2016 Annual Telecommunications Report, USF Contribution Worksheet and/or pay Gross Receipts Fees pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-3-100, 58-3-540, 58-4-60, 58-9-280(E), 58-9-370, 58-9-370(A), 58-9-390 (Supp. 2014) and the Commission USF guidelines originally approved in Order No. 2001-996 and modified by Order 2016-756.
- 5. Respondents listed in Revised Exhibit A were named, and served with, the ORS Petition in this docket.
- 6. On May 7, 2018, the Commission issued a Thirty Day Notice ("Notice") instructing the Respondents to file an Answer with the Commission responding to the allegations in the ORS Petition and to serve a copy of such Answer on ORS. The Notice advised Respondents that if an Answer was not filed within thirty days after service, exclusive of the day of service, ORS would be permitted to apply to the Commission for the relief demanded in the Petition.

- 7. The thirty-day deadline for filing an Answer set in the Notice dated May 7, 2018 has since passed and none of the seven (7) Respondents listed in Revised Exhibit A have filed any form of responsive pleading with the Commission. Pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the S.C. Rules of Civil Procedure, "when a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend as provided by these rules and that fact is made to appear by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk shall enter his default upon the calendar." In the instant matter, the Commission properly served the Respondents at the addresses of their principal places of business which Respondents have provided to ORS and the Commission.
- 8. Respondents to this Motion have failed to file a responsive pleading, or make required payment, or submit required reports.
- 9. 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-830(A)(2) (2012) provides that if a defendant fails to timely file an answer, unless an extension is granted, the defendant is deemed in default and all relevant facts are deemed admitted. No extension of time for filing an Answer has been requested by any of the Respondents in this matter. ORS therefore requests that the Commission enter an Order for default judgment against the named Respondents to this Motion.

# WHEREFORE, the ORS respectfully requests that the Honorable Commission:

- 1. Enter an Order finding that the Respondents named herein as specified in the attached Revised Exhibit A are in default in this matter and granting the relief demanded in the ORS Petition;
- 2. Provide in such Order that the Certificates of the Respondents Blue Jay Wireless, LLC, Business Discount Plan, Inc., ComTech21, LLC, Encompass Communications, LLC, Ethel

Bryant dba Mr. Telephone, Roman LD, Inc., and Vitcom, LLC are revoked as demanded in the ORS Petition; and

3. For other appropriate action which the Commission may deem necessary.

C. Versie Hammonds

Office of Regulatory Staff
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

July 6, 2018

Columbia, South Carolina

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Telephone Utilities that have not filed Gross Receipts Report, Annual Report, SC USF Contribution Worksheet, and Paid Gross **Receipts Fees** 

(An X indicates the report or payment was not received by the Office of Regulatory Staff or DOR)

Company	Gross	Gross	Annual	USF	Certificate	Address	Docket Order#	Order#	Entity	Agent
	Receipts	Receipts	Report	Work	Туре		*		Status	)
	Report	Payment		sheet						
Col. A	Col. B	col. c	Col. D	Col. E Col. F	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H	Col. I	Col. J	Col. K

					Wireless	4240	2012-	2013-	Good	COGENCY GLOBAL
Blue Jay Wireless, LLC			×		ETC	International	390-C	167	Standing	INC.
						Pkwy, Ste 140				2 OFFICE PARK
						Carrollton, TX				COURT SUITE 103
						75007				COLUMBIA, South
										Carolina 29223
					-	1 World Trade	1996-	1997-	Good	NATIONAL
Business Discount	×		×	×	IXC	Center, Ste 800	257-C	127	Standing	REGISTERED
						Long Beach, CA				AGENTS, INC
		2				90831				2 OFFICE PARK
										COURT SUITE 103
										COLUMBIA, South
	-									Carolina 29223
							2000-	2001—		
ComTech21, LLC			×		CLEC & IXC	One Barnes Park	306-C &	226	Good	INCORP SERVICES,
						South		જ	Standing	INC.
						Wallingford, CT	2004-	2004-		317 RUTH VISTA
						06492	054-C	312		ROAD
				•						LEXINGTON, South
										Carolina 29073

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				Longview, TX	J-96-	1030		2 OFFICE PARK CT
				TOBC/				COLLIMBIA South
								Carolina 29223
			Payphone	1150 Glover St	1985-	2001-	Dissolved	COLA BRYANT
			Service	Orangeburg, SC	150-C	1012		120 CHURCH ST
			Provider	29115				ORANGEBURG,
*	-							South Carolina
								NATIONAL
×			IXC	2300 Valley View	2011-	2012-	Forfeited	REGISTERED
				Ln, Ste 730	432-C	201		AGENTS, INC.
				Irving, TX 75062				2 OFFICE PARK
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								COLUMBIA, South
								Carolina 29223
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Col. A	Report Col. B	Payment Col. C	Col. D		Col. F	Col. G	Col. H	 	Col. J	Col. K
Vitcom LLC	×	*			CLEC & IXC	1425 37th St	2015-	2015-	goog	INCORP SERVICES,
						Ste 210	238-C	992	Standing	INC.
						Brooklyn, NY				317 RUTH VISTA RD
						11218	8			LEXINGTON, South Carolina 29073
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	Be Revoked	)	

This is to certify that I, Vicki L. Watts, have this date served one (1) copy of the MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND ORDER REVOKING CERTIFICATES FOR FAILURE TO ANSWER in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Blue Jay Wireless, LLC 4240 International Pkwy Suite 140 Carrollton, Texas 75007

Business Discount Plan, Inc. 1 World Trade Center Long Beach, CA 90831

ComTech21, LLC One Barnes Park South Wallingford, CT 06492 Ethel Bryant d/b/a Mr. Telephone 1150 Glover Street Orangeburg, SC 29115

> Roman LD, Inc. 2300 Valley View Lane Suite 730 Irving, Texas 75062

Vitcom, LLC 1425 37<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 210 Brooklyn, NY 11218 Encompass Communications, LLC 119 W. Tyler Street Suite 286 Longview, Texas 75601

Vicki L. Watts

July 6, 2018 Columbia, South Carolina